

OLD DOMINION TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Tournament for Hermitage Challenge Cups Will Be Held in Week of June 21.

The fifth annual Old Dominion tennis tournament for the Hermitage challenge cups will be held on the eight dirt courts of the Hermitage Golf Club during the week of June 21, the play beginning at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, June 21. The tournament is to be held under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association.

The events will be men's singles and doubles and women's singles and doubles. Consolation events in men's singles will also be played. Six entries are necessary to each event in order for it to be played. The tournament is open to all players, whether residents of Virginia or not.

Three-year trophy cups are offered in men's singles, men's doubles and women's singles. The cups will become the property of the players first winning them three times, not necessarily in succession.

The winner of the men's singles will be required to play R. L. James, of Philadelphia, the present holder of the Hermitage challenge cup. It has been won twice by Fred Pollard, of Richmond, and once by the present holder.

A new cup is offered this year in women's singles, to be known as the Hermitage challenge cup in women's singles. Miss M. C. Evans, of Birmingham, Ala., won for the third time last year the women's cup originally offered.

The present holders of the Hermitage challenge cup in men's doubles are R. L. James, of Philadelphia, and J. H. Ballenger, of Seattle, Wash. In this event the holders are required to play through.

In all the other events appropriate prizes will be offered. Runners-up in all events will receive prizes.

John A. Coke, Jr., will act as referee, and the tournament will be conducted according to the rules of the National Association.

KETCHEL HAS DOUT.

Report Says He Is to Fight Sam Langford.

NEW YORK, May 22.—If the report be true which comes from Los Angeles that Stanley Ketchel and Sam Langford have been matched to fight before Tom McCarey's club, there is a real treat in store for the fight fans who can get to Los Angeles when the bout is pulled off.

There is no discounting the fact that Langford is a dangerous man in the ring. Personally, I fancy him as a fighter more than I do Johnson, but that he can beat Ketchel in a ten-round bout or in any other number of rounds I do not believe. Ketchel is nevertheless taking the wisdom of which I doubt. If it should transpire that Langford beats him, of course it kills the match with Johnson. While \$10,000, the amount report says he is to get for the Langford bout, win, lose or draw, is a good deal of money, but nothing like what he would have coming to him if he fights and whips Johnson, thus copping the championship.

JEFFRIES IS ANGRY.

Says He Will Punch Johnson's Head.

Some usually well informed men in the fighting line profess to have it tonight that Jeffries' announcement that he would fight Johnson is purely and simply press agent dope. I don't believe it. Jeffries always has pulled straight with the public, and I believe he is doing it now. I saw him just before he started West on his play-acting tour, and I miss my guess if he is not able to shape to shape to whip the negro champion.

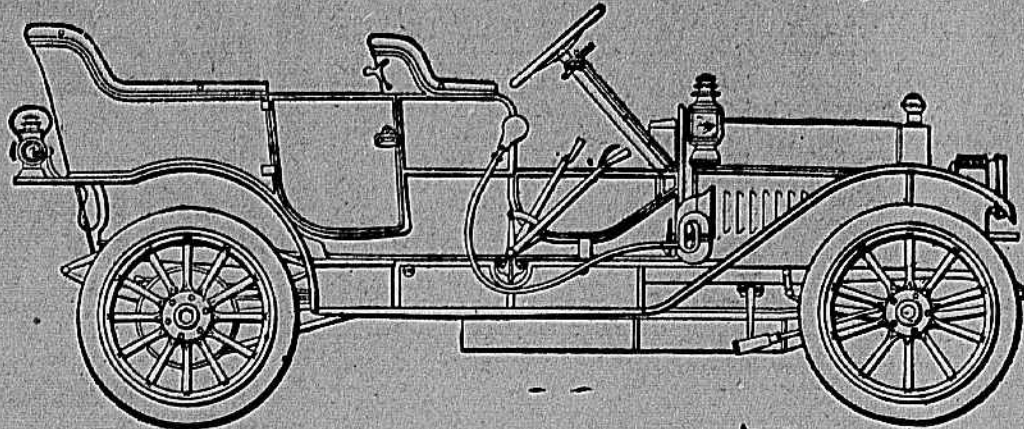
Jeff is angry at the talk that his willingness to fight again is a bluff. He is quoted as saying that he will punch Johnson's head off on sight unless he stops saying that Jeff is a four-pounder. Sam Berger, who is the holier-than-thou manager and chief adviser, declares that Jeffries now weighs 228 pounds and is rapidly getting into his best form. If Berger speaks the truth, and Jeffries intends to weigh about 225 pounds when he enters the ring with Johnson, local sporting men cannot understand why the holier-than-thou manager and chief adviser should make a simple life to get off thirteen pounds. Johnson's match with Stanley Ketchel in October is believed to be the cause of Jeff's unwillingness to make a match now.

Thomas Wants a Fight. Sailor Burke for nothing. The sailor is no spendthrift, you know, and the idea of getting a winner's and loser's end in one fight ought to put him in the jolly tar's shoes that he can lick Andy Walsh, and says that he will fight Andy at any time and any place. Never mind that, though; Thomas is back and getting to be himself again.

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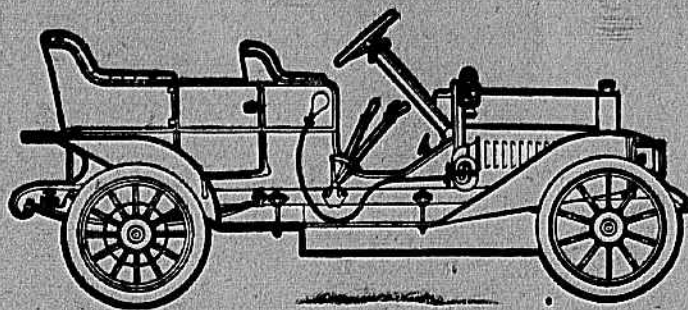
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News of Horses and Horsemen

BY W. J. CARTER ("BROAD ROCK").

The initial meeting of the Virginia Racing and Horse Show Association was favored by ideal weather conditions, while a good entry list made the horse show features interesting, though entries to the races were light, due mainly to conflict with the Jamestown meeting at Norfolk, which also held a license from the Jockey Club. The Richmond meeting began on Saturday, May 15, and closed on Tuesday, May 18, with a fairly well-filled grandstand on the opening afternoon, while a very nice gathering witnessed the sport on Monday, though attendance was light on the last day. The horse show program was arranged for Virginia owners, and in the harness classes most local horses competed in the different events, and very creditable results obtained, too, though the stables of W. W. Osborne, of Gordonsville, who usually has a fine collection of blue ribbon winners, the Deep Run Hunt Club; Arthur White, Jr., of Scottsville; John J. Daniel, of Lahore, and others, made up an exhibition of hunters and jumpers of the west to please critics in general. Westmoreland Davis, James K. Maddux and Harry C. Sealtie judged the jumping and saddle classes, while Mr. Davis, with Harry W. Sprattley, of Elberon, as associate, rendered awards in

classes for harness horses. Mr. Davis also served with Mr. Maddux and Allen Potts as stewards of the Jockey Club and judges of the races.

Virginia-Bred Runners Biggest Winners at the Richmond Meeting. A couple of steeplechases and as many flat races furnished entertainment at the meeting on Saturday and Monday, while a single event over the jumps and two on the flat made up the card for Tuesday.

Notable, the black mare, 6, by Fatherless dam Mola, by Epit, won the opening race at two furlongs, but coming in nine pounds short of weight was disqualified, and Sam Pudge, who finished second, was placed first. Nielsens was bred in the Ellerslie stud at Charlottesville, and the black daughter of Fatherless had no trouble in winning her race on Monday and Tuesday. Essex, the big and handsome bay gelding, by Judge Morrow, dam Mimosa, won the open steeplechase on the first and second days of the meeting, with some time to spare in each event. Owned by John W. M. Brown, of Fredericksburg, the bay gelding was well ridden by Dion Kerr, of Warrenton.

Sullivan's Bad Ride on Young Blitzen. Young Blitzen, winner of the hunter's steeplechase on Saturday, was a pronounced favorite for a similar event on Monday, but an incompetent

ride on the part of J. E. Sullivan, who finished second to W. M. Barrish's Claver Croft, with the unsexed son of Blitzen and Mollie Davis, raised a howl of consternation among his backers, while Sullivan was set down by the stewards, who will advise that his license be revoked, a penalty likely to extend to an indefinite time unless extenuations are proven to the satisfaction of the powerful governing bodies that regulate the sport. Certain it is that the shifting of weight by Nielsens on Saturday and the weak finish of Young Blitzen on Monday brought about conditions that annihilated the betting ring, and invited the county authorities to arrest some of the parties connected with bookmaking, while others escaped. Tuesday was get-away day, and Nielsens again flashed to the front in a race at five and one-half furlongs, while W. C. Saunders's colors were carried to victory by Wayside in the hunters' steeplechase and at six furlongs on the flat by Westover. The Saunders pair were trained by Alexander McDaniel, that won the Deep Run Hunt Club steeplechase more than a decade back.

Mr. Davis Has Faith in Future Racing. Westmoreland Davis, who came down from Leesburg and put in three days judging both horse show classes and the races, expressed himself as hopeful regarding the outlook for the racing, while he was also inclined to view the situation from the breeder's standpoint more favorably than some others interested in the thoroughbred at this time. He is chairman of the hunts committee of the National Hunt and Steeplechase Association, and by his counsel has exercised a strong influence in adjusting matters that otherwise might have resulted in friction of a pronounced sort with the Jockey Club.

Mr. Davis owns Morven Park, which not only is one of the show places of Loudoun county, but one of the finest and most highly improved estates in all Virginia. Harness horses, Guernsey cattle, Yorkshire hogs and Dorset sheep are bred at Morven Park. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis ride to hounds and take an active part in the affairs of the Loudoun Hunt Club. The stable of hunters includes horses of real class, and are selected by the master of Morven Park, who is at home in the saddle and an ardent devotee of cross-country riding.

Mr. Maddux Offers Some Interesting Comments.

James K. Maddux, master of the Leeton Hill Stud, at Warrenton, and one of the best known followers of cross-country sport in Virginia, chatted in an interesting manner over the stables and most highly improved estates in all Virginia. Harness horses, Guernsey cattle, Yorkshire hogs and Dorset sheep are bred at Morven Park. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis ride to hounds and take an active part in the affairs of the Loudoun Hunt Club. The stable of hunters includes horses of real class, and are selected by the master of Morven Park, who is at home in the saddle and an ardent devotee of cross-country riding.

Close to fifty head of hunters and hounds are now owned at Leeton Hill, and Mr. Maddux is not at all adverse to increasing the number when the opportunity occurs to obtain horses with size, finish and substance. Oxford, son of Paraday, and Aunt Belle, daughter of Sir Dixon, a recent purchase from the Waldens, of Maryland, have been added to the stud. The gray stallion was a fine race-horse, and it is thought that he will sire hunters and steeplechasers of class. Among those being sought over the jumps are a dozen head of three-year-olds by different sires, and a highly promising lot these youngsters are. Only about half a dozen strictly thoroughbred mares are in the stud at Leeton Hill, and all have been bred to Oxford, but the band of half-bred and general purpose mares is larger, and the youngsters from these carefully selected matrons are a credit to the

place. Mr. Maddux is M. F. H. of the Maddux hounds, and one of the leading spirits of the Warrenton Hunt Club, and both himself and Mrs. Maddux ride regularly to hounds.

And Downside Blue Ribbon Winner. With the seven-year-old bay gelding, Alto Down, 2:17 1-4, a product of the Vendome Stock Farm, San Jose, Cal., S. E. Earing, of Montezuma Farm, this city, carried off the blue ribbon in the roadster class on Monday at the Virginia Racing and Horse Show meeting. There were four entries in the class, including some of the best roadsters in Richmond, but the bay gelding from the Pacific slope, well handled by Blanchard, the favorite, awarded first prize after mature deliberation on the part of the judges. This horse was sired by Iran Alto, dam Elsie Downs, by Boodle, and was purchased only a few weeks since by Earing, who campaigned the bay gelding over the half-mile tracks of the East in 1907 and won some good races with him. Alto Down is now in Earing's stable, who will race him again this season.

Holt S. Lloyd, of Richmond, has been engaged as general manager of the Danville Fair Association, recently organized at Danville, Va., and will charge at once. Mr. Lloyd is the younger brother of Mark R. Lloyd, general manager and assistant secretary of the Virginia State Fair Association.

With the Americans

Addie Jones, the Cleveland star, has been out of the game with a lame back. Manager Carr, of Indianapolis, is negotiating with Boston for a spare catcher, Cleveland fans hope to see the young catcher Harry Dennis will be put to work.

Manager Lake, of Boston, declares that he has the best pitcher in the business in Charley Chech.

Outfielder Gessler, of the Boston, spent a week at the Pennsylvania home recuperating from a severe cold.

Pitcher Jack Chesbro, of the Highlanders in Cleveland, is said to be in excellent condition.

Ralph Works, Detroit's recruit pitcher, is said to be twenty-one years old, but he has more confidence than an auctioneer.

The New York Club has sold Outfielder "Lefty" Melvin to the Buffalo Club of the Eastern League.

Outfielder Frank Cree, the Tri-State re-cruit, is pounding the ball with great force for the Highlanders.

In Manager Stallings's opinion, Pitcher Brockert, of the Highlanders, is the best fielding pitcher in the league.

"Rube" Waddell has lost four out of six games this season to date. But wait until after this he has a big game.

Outfielder McAlleese, the Browns' substitute, used to play for Jennings on the Baltimore Club in Eastern League.

Outfielder George Stone, of the Browns, is laid up with a badly injured ankle, sustained in a close play at first base on May 12.

Try Cobb is quoted as saying there are only three players who have ever been accidentally since he became a big league player.

The Washington Club has secured Outfielder George Brown, of the New York National Club at the waiver price, \$1,500.

With Kishnow carrying a lame knee and a bad cold, the Washington Highlanders are not too well fixed behind the bat.

Outfielder Hamphill, of the Highlanders, has not tuberculosis, as has been hinted. He is laid up with an attack of diphtheria.

Manager Stallings is still experimenting with his team. It was from Cleveland and the grand old veteran, "Cy" Young, at that.

The Washington Club is reaching out for still more talent, and has made New York offers for Outfielder Hamphill and Infielder Latorre.

Hope has been revived in Cleveland that Elmer Flick will return to the Naps team. Elmer will be in shape to resume work within a week.

Manager Lake, of the Red Sox, has about given up all hope of getting any work out of Jack Thoney before June 1. His last ailment is pneumonia.

George Davis broke into the game for the first time last year on Saturday, May 8, batting for Scott in the ninth inning. He popped a fly to Perring, New York, says that Outfielder Gus Speaker, of the Boston, is faster than Cobb and will be this league's fastest star this year.

Addie Cloutier, the big Frenchman, who is pitching such splendid ball for Boston, was once with the Lincoln team, and landed the club in second place in 1907.

Pitcher Speer, Detroit's Wichita recruit, made good on all the claims that have been made for him as to his nerve and fielding ability as well as his class as a pitcher.

by President Ban Johnson, as a result of his encounter with "Kid" Elberfeld, at the American League Park, in New York, last week was reinstated on May 17, and at once went west to resume his more or less arduous duties.

The Washington Post, in speaking of the Washington team's three consecutive shut-outs, says: "It is questionable if there is another instance in baseball history where a team has lost three consecutive games by a 1 to 0 score. Why, Chicago did the same thing to the Browns in April."

Some of the St. Louis critics are turning against the Browns and roasting them in no uncertain terms. One writer in a two-column article elaborates on the proposition that the Browns are overpaid, overfed, overperpetrated and underworked. He takes the affirmative on all these points.

Pitcher Joe Doyle, of the Highlanders, is laid up with an attack of blood poisoning which may necessitate the amputation of his right foot. Doyle is in a serious condition, and his teammates fear that he will never play ball again. He started trouble by cutting his big toe with a pen-knife.

Ryan Comes to Life.

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